In-Class Activity



# Jonathan

## LARRE David

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:1-42



**Instructions:** Help your child color the picture that tells about today's story. When you and your child finish coloring, have your child tell you today's story. If your child gets stuck, help him or her out by reading the story together from a children's Bible. Remind your child that "friends help each other." (For additional classroom instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)





## This week, your child learned that God wants

#### friends to help each other.

Your child committed to one of the following challenges to help a friend. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- Find a friend who is sad and give your friend a hug.
- Help a friend pick up his or her toys even if you weren't playing with the toys.
- Help a friend play a new game. Teach your friend the rules and give him or her helpful hints on how to play.

### Have your child invite a friend

**over** to spend the afternoon. Encourage your child and

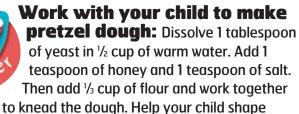


the friend to help each
other with puzzles, building blocks,

games, or other activities. Remind your child and his or her friend that friends can help each other.

**ASK** Thow have you helped a friend?

- What does your friend do to help you?
- How do you feel when you help a friend?
- O How do you feel when your friend helps you?



the dough into people shapes. Place the pretzel people on a baking sheet, and brush them with a slightly beaten egg. Bake the pretzels for 10 minutes at 425 degrees or until golden. After the pretzels have baked, have your child decorate them with candies and frosting to resemble his or her friends. Have your child name each friend he or she makes and tell something he or she can do to help that friend. Before eating the pretzels, thank God for good food and special friends.

**ASK** @ How can you help your friends?

Why does God want friends to help each other?

## What I Learned Today ...

(1 Samuel 18:1-4: 19:1-7: 20:1-42) tells us that friends help each other. The Bible story told of Jonathan and David's close friendship and of Jonathan's loyalty to his friend. Jonathan's father—King Saul—wanted to get rid of David to secure his son's place as the next king. When Jonathan found out about his dad's plan, Jonathan warned David by giving a signal—he shot an arrow into the sky. David saw the arrow and knew he had to run for his life. Jonathan helped his friend David by warning him and saving his life.

**Key Verse:** "Live at peace with everyone" (Romans 12:18b).



